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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>PCT007</b>		<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraph 2 below
International application No. <b>PCT/JP2005/002147</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>14.02.2005</b>	Priority date (day/month/year) <b>03.03.2004</b>
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC		
Applicant <b>CHUGAI RO CO., LTD.</b>		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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 a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material  
 in written format  
 in computer readable form.
  - c. time of filing/furnishing  
 contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																		
<p><b>1. Statement</b></p> <table> <tr> <td align="left">Novelty (N)</td> <td>Claims <u>2, 4</u></td> <td align="right">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims <u>1, 3</u></td> <td align="right">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="left">Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims _____</td> <td align="right">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims <u>1-4</u></td> <td align="right">NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="left">Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims <u>1-4</u></td> <td align="right">YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims _____</td> <td align="right">NO</td> </tr> </table>		Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2, 4</u>	YES		Claims <u>1, 3</u>	NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES		Claims <u>1-4</u>	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-4</u>	YES		Claims _____	NO
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<p><b>2. Citations and explanations:</b></p> <p>Document 1: JP, 11-43681, A (Ube Industries, Ltd.), 16 February, 1999 (16.02.99)      Document 2: JP, 2003-342588, A (Kabushiki Kaisha Setekku), 03 December, 2003 (03.12.03)</p> <p>(1) Claims 1 and 3</p> <p>Document 1 describes a system for gasifying a biomass comprising (a) a gasification furnace for forming fuel gas from a biomass, (b) a reforming device heated to a treating temperature required for the thermal decomposition of a tar component in the fuel gas, provided in a supply system for supplying fuel gas from a gasification furnace to the system used, (c) a fuel gas introduction system which introduces fuel gas from a modification device to the gasification furnace as fuel for the gasification furnace, and a method for operating the system for gasifying a biomass.</p> <p>Therefore, the subject matters of claims 1 and 3 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>(2) Claims 2 and 4</p> <p>As described in document 2, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of starting a combustion operation with fossil fuels at the time of activating the gasification furnace for a biomass.</p> <p>Therefore, the subject matters of claims 2 and 4 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.</p>																			